

REMARKS

Claims 24-56 are currently pending. Claims 49-56 stand allowed and claims 44-48 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. By this amendment, claims 24-43, previously withdrawn from consideration, are cancelled, and claims 57-73 are added.

Claims 44-48 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 22, 23, 24, 2 and 3 of U.S. Patent No. 6,714,467 issued to Terzioglu et al. Applicants do not agree with the Examiner's rejection, but nevertheless are submitting a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c), disclaiming the terminal part of this application that extends beyond the expiration date of commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,714,467, to obviate the double patenting rejection. Applicant respectfully submits that the obvious type-double patenting rejection of claims 44-48 is overcome.


New claims 57 and 66 recite the allowable feature "identifying at least one predecoder for shifting out" among other features, as provided in the Office Action (Office Action, page 3, lines 1-3). New Claims 58-65 and 67-73 depend from Claims 57 and 67 respectively, recite additional features thereto and are allowable therefore.

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It is respectfully submitted that the pending Claims define allowable subject matter. Should anything remain in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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